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ALLEN GENEALOGY

Dr. Albert Cook Myers, in his "Immigration of the Irish Quakers," states on page 141 the following:

"John Allen, who was an Irish Friend, arrived as early as 1714, and located in the township on the northwest line of New Garden, Chester County, Pennsylvania. Here he built and operated one of the earliest mills of that section. In 1719 he purchased from Thomas Garnett an adjoining tract of 200 acres granted to Garnett by Earl Evans, as previously stated."

"John Allen was one of the 42 taxables in London Grove in 1724, he was taxed 8 s."

"One William Allen and Martha Mackie, both of Ballyhagen Meeting, County Armagh, were married January 6, 1700, at Ballyhagen Meeting."

From Minutes of Ulster Province Meeting.

From "History of Chester County, Pennsylvania," Page 463.

*"Allen, John, was born Aug. 3, 1694, and died Sept. 16, 1771. He married in 1719, Amy Cox, and resided in London Grove, Chester County, Penna. He brought a certificate from the Friends Church in Ireland to Newark Monthly Meeting, Feb. 3, 1714. His wife died Sept. 13, 1778.

Their children were:

John, born Feb. 8, 1720. Died Oct. 1, 1754. He married Phebe Scarlett, Sept. 12, 1740, and lived in London Grove, Pa.

Rebecca, born Aug. 8, 1722. m. (1) Alexander Mode. (2) Wm. Chandler.

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Amy, born June 8, 1725, married Philip Ward.

Elizabeth, born Feb.29,1728, married Simon Dixson.

William, born Aug. 3, 1730, married Sarah Greave, May 24, 1758.

*Joseph, born May 12, 1733, married Deborah Hill, Nov. 13, 1755.

Mary, born Nov. 1, 1736, married Moses Frazier.

Phebe, born Feb. 9, 1739. Died Oct. 19, 1787.

Benjamin, born Aug. 4, 1742, married Hannah Greenfield, Dec. 29, 1764.

This record was received from the Pennsylvania Historical Society, Harrisburg.

JOSEPH ALLEN.

*Joseph Allen, son of John and Amy Cox Allen, who was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, May 12, 1773, and married Deborah Hill, Nov. 13, 1755, continued to live in Chester County until some time in 1774 or 1775. The records show that he took out a warrant for a tract of land on the Monongahela River, in what is now Washington County, Pennsylvania. He received the patent in 1774. This tract was named "Allenton." On August 31, 1784, he received a patent for another tract of land of 354 acres. This tract was named "Allen's Delight." Joseph Allen and his wife, Deborah Hill Allen, lived on this farm and raised a family of nine children.

The town of Allenport and the township of Allen received his name. The town was located on his farm.

The Allens in Washington County, Penna., were Quakers down to the days of Alexander Campbell, when they became his followers. The church is now known as the Christian Church.

The children of Joseph and Deborah Hill Allen were: Benjamin, Eli, John, Samuel, William, *Joshua, Amy, Deborah and Nancy.

As recorded in Crumrine's History of Washington County: March 28, 1799, Joseph Allen divided his real estate, of over 800 acres, among his children. He reserv-

ed his homestead and farm, where he lived until he died in 1816.

The will of Joseph Allen of Pike Run Township, Washington County, Pa., is on file in the court house in Washington, Pa., and was probated December 30, 1816. He divided his property equally between his children: Eli, John, Samuel, Joshua, Amy Ann and Deborah.

His daughter, Amy Ann, married Thomas Stockdale; Deborah married James Winders, and Nancy married Samuel Venus.

Samuel Allen, son of Joseph and Deborah Allen, died in 1831, and is buried in Mt. Tabor cemetery. He was aged 72 years.

Nancy Allen, daughter of Joseph and Amy Cox Allen, married Samuel Venus, for her first husband. They had three children: Samuel, Polly and Amy. For her second husband she married ———— Curry. Their children were: William, Joshua, Deborah, Drusilla, Nancy and Eliza Curry.

Joseph Allen donated the ground for the Mt. Tabor Cemetery, at the Mt. Tabor Methodist Episcopal Church, near Rosco, in which three generations of the Allen family are now sleeping. His wife, Deborah Hill Allen, was the first to be buried there. The cemetery is on a very high hill, overlooking the Monongahela River, Fayette City and Allenport.

WILL OF JOSEPH ALLEN

In the name of God Amen. I, Joseph Allen, of the Township of Pikerun, in the County of Washington and State of Pennsylvania, being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the dis-

cretion of my executors. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give, demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

Item. I give to my son John Allen All my wearing appearel. Item. I give and bequeath to my Grand Son Joseph Allen one Lot of Ground in the town of Grave Creek and to his Brother John Milton Allen one other Lot in said Town to them their heirs and assigns for Ever. Item. I Give to my Grand Daughter Deborah one Case of Drawers ————

Item. I give to my Grand daughter Elizabeth one bed and Bedding which is in the upper Chamber the above named Grand Children being Children of my Son Eli Allen.

Item. I give to my Son Eli Allen all my right that I now have or hereafter may have by Will or otherwise in A Certain tract of Land Lying in Chester County formerly the Property of John Allen Dec'd. And the Remainder of my Personal Property I order to be Sold By my Executors herein after mentioned and the money arising from said sale to be divided Between my Children to Each Child to have an Equal Portion thereof (To Wit) to Eli-John - Samuel - Joshua - Ann - Amy - and Deborah to be paid to them at the expiration of One year after the sale aforesaid. And Lastly I do hereby Nominate, Constitute, authorize and appoint Caleb Johnson and Thomas Hopkins both of the Township of Pikerun and County of Washington or Either of them to be my sole executors of this my Last will and Testament. And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other former Testaments, Wills, Legacies, Bequests and Executors by me in any wise before mentioned, willed and bequeathed - Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my Last will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fourth

Day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve .....

JOSEPH ALLEN (Seal)

Signed Sealed pronounced and declared by the said Joseph Allen as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names

Ellis Johnson
Simon Johnson
Susannah Johnson

This will was filed for probate in the Washington County court house, December 30, 1816.

*JOSHUA ALLEN

*Joshua Allen was the youngest son of Joseph and Deborah Hill Allen. I could find no record of birth, but his death occurred in 1817.

Joshua Allen married Elizabeth McCrory, daughter of James McCrory, of Allen Township. They resided on a farm, near Fayette City. He engaged in farming. They had eight children, two sons and six daughters.

The children were: Berea, called Abiah; William, Hetty, Sarah, Deborah, Amy, Peggy and Elizabeth.

The will of Joshua Allen, which was written on June 11, 1817, and is on file in the Washington County court house, gives his residence as Pike Run Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

WILL OF JOSHUA ALLEN

In the Name of God Amen, the Eleventh day of June, in the year of our Lord, 1817, I Joshua Allen, of Pike run Township, Washington County, and state of Pennsylvania, being sick and weak in Body but of Perfect mind and Memory Thanks be given to God, therefor calling unto Mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it

is appointed for all Men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and testament. That is to say principally and first of all I give and Recomend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my Body I Recommend it to the Earth, to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly Estate where with it hath pleased God to Bless me in this life I give, devise and dispose of in the following manner and form: first it is my will that all my just debts be paid and satisfied. Secondly it is my will and i give unto my Wife Elizabeth Allen all the moveable property I possess viz: all the stock, all the farming Utentials, all the household and kitchen furniture with the exception of my Desk and joiners tools and all the profitts and rents of all my lands until my youngest Child Come the age of twenty one years, to be at her disposal and managed by her and my son Abia Allen for the raising, schooling and clothing of my Children; likewise it is my will that all my moveable property shall be at the Disposal of my wife Elizabeth Allen after my youngest Child does arrive at the age of Twenty one years to do with as she thinks proper, During her Natural Life. Thirdly it is my Will and I give and bequeath to my Oldest son Abia Allan the Farm I live on Adjoining Wm. Riggs, Samuel Allen, Thos. Stockdale and others, with the desk and all my joiners tools he is to have full possession of sd. Farm after my youngest Child arrives at the age of Twenty one years by Maintaining my Wife Elizabeth Allen Decently During her Natural life after he gets possession of sd. Farm.

Fourthly, it is my Will The Farm I own in Finley Township, Washington County, adjoining Luke Endlow and others be sold to the best advantage after my youngest Child come to the age of twenty one years and to be Equally divided Between the rest of my Children, Viz:

Hetty, Sarah, Deborah, Amy, Peggy, William and Elizabeth Allen and it is Likewise my will that if my son Abia Allen should die without issue and my son William Allen survive him that the part Willed to my son Abia Allen shall fall to my son William Allen and I Likewise Constitute make and obtain John, Thomas and James McCrorey sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and Disanul all and every other former Wills and Testaments and Legacies by me in any ways before this time Named willed of bequeathed Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament in Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

JOSHUA ALLEN (Seal)

Declared by the Joshua Allen as
his Last Will and Testament in
Presence of us who in his presence
and in the presence of Each other do
subscribe our name this day above
Written.

Attest
John Nixon
William Riggs
Noah Riggs

On July 2, 1817, the will was filed for probate and signed by all of the executors. It is evident that Joshua Allen died soon after making his will.

Deborah, daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth McCrory Allen, married Robert Stockdale. Her death occurred March 18, 1850, aged 44 years. Her husband died December 15, 1870, aged 77 years. Two of their children were Amy and Robert. All are buried in Mt. Tabor Cemetery, where I visited their graves in 1935.

Another daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth McCrory Allen married Elias Worrell, who was born Octo-

ber 12, 1798. He and a daughter, Avis, and I presume his wife, are buried in the Mt. Tabor cemetery. No stone marks his wife's grave. Another daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth Allen, married Robert G. Mullin, and a third daughter married a man named McCullough.

Amy Allen, daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth McCrory Allen, married Isaac Haveley, a son of William and Hannah DeHaven Haveley. (See Haveley Record.)

ABIAH ALLEN

Berea, or Abiah Allen, son of Joshua and Elizabeth McCrory Allen, was born in July, 1759, in Allen Township, Washington County, Pa. In 1821 he was united in marriage with Mary Hough. She was born near Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland County, Pa., December 22, 1799.

Abiah Allen was a successful farmer, a prominent worker in the Republican party and served in various offices. His death occurred January 1, 1848. His wife died in 1886. Their children were:

Charlotte, who maried Dr. ———— Morlin, and they lived in Allen Township; Barbara, wife of Wilson Jackman, of California, Pa.; A. Bonaparte, who married and removed to Cleveland, Ohio. David Allen, and Maria Allen, who married John White. They had three sons: Allen J., Elliott S., who is a retired Methodist Episcopal minister, and lives in Dormont, Pa. Rev. Elliott S. White married Elizabeth Ely, of Greene County, Pa. They have two daughters: Elizabeth and Marian White, at home.

Joshua Charles Carroll Allen, son of Abiah and Mary Allen, died August 10, 1842, aged eight years.

ELI ALLEN

Eli Allen, the second son of Joseph and Deborah Hill Allen, was born in Eastern Pennsylvania. He came on horseback from Chester County, Pa., to Fayette County, Pa., where he married Sarah Griffith, and they settled on his father's tract of land in Washingon Couny, Pa.

He later removed with his family to the state of Indiana, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Joseph Allen, Jr., son of Eli and Sarah Griffith Allen, married Alma Thompson, of Fayette County, Pa., and they settled in Allen Township, Washington County, Pa., where he followed boat building on the Monongahela River. Joseph Allen, Jr., was a Jeffersonian Democrat, and an esteemed citizen. He died December 10, 1832. He had the following children:

Letitia, born in March, 1808, married Allen Stockdale; Ruth, born August 30, 1809, married Michael Wolfe; Eli, born January 23, 1811, died in infancy; Sarah, born June 12, 1812. (Beers History says she was the widow of Michael Wolfe, if so she must have married her brotheriulaw.) Eli, born March 22, 1814. (This record is from the Commemorative Biographical Record of Washington County, Pa., by J. H. Beers & Co., ,Chicago Ill., published in 1893..

AMY ALLEN HAVELEY

Amy Allen, daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth McCrory Allen, was born Mar. 30, 1809, in Pike Run Township, Washington County, Pa. She married Isaac Haveley in 1926, at the age of seventeen years. They were married by the Rev. Henry Baker. Isaac Haveley was born February 4, 1804; died December 8, 1840. Amy Haveley died February 14, 1885. (See Haveley History for the record.)

McCRORY FAMILY HISTORY

Three McCrory brothers came from Northern Ireland to America, landing at Charleston, North Carolina, sometime during the Revolutionary War. It is tradition that they enlisted with the Colonists and later became separated, and their families remained separated.

One brother is believed to have located in the south, perhaps in North Carolina. Another brother came to Pennsylvania. There are many McCrorys in Indiana, who are possibly descendants of the third brother.

It is believed that James McCrory, who lived at Cooksville, Washington County, Pa., was one of the three brothers. The last will and testament of James McCrory, dated March 1, 1813, is on file in the office of Register of Wills, in the Washington County court house. He makes bequests to his wife, Sarah, and the following children: John, David, Senaca, William, Thomas, James, Samuel, Margaret, Elizabeth, Sarah and Hester. The executors of the will were Samuel England, Esq., John McCrory and Joshua Allen. It is believed that Joshua Allen was his soninlaw. It is known that Joshua Allen married Elizabeth McCrory. So I feel this establishes the parentage of Elizabeth McCrory Allen, whose daughter, Amy Allen, married Isaac Haveley.

Samuel McCrory married and lived on a farm near Good Intent, East Finley Township, Washington County, Pa., near his uncle and aunt, Isaac and Amy Haveley. His children were: James, John, Brice, Senaca, and two daughters, Elizabeth and ———— (her name not known.) However it is known that she married a man by the name of Preston. Her daughter, Miss Lottie Preston, who is now aged 85 years, still lives in El Centro, California, with her nephew, Attorney S. L McCrory.

Brice McCrory, son of Samuel, married and had two sons, Charles B. McCrory, who is a prominent attorney in Okmulgee, Okla. Before going to Oklahoma he served as judge of a district court in Illinois. Willis McCrory is another son of Brice McCaskie McCrory. Senaca McCrory and family lived in Pittsburgh, Pa.

(It was through John W. Hammond, of Tulsa, Okla., who is a grandson of Elijah Havely, and my cousin, that I learned of Charles B. McCrory, who gave me this family history.) Elijah Havely's family and the McCrory family removed to the West together, making the trip down the Ohio river to Cairo, Ill.

The Allens are of English origin. William Allen, who was of English birth, settled in Birkenhead, Chestershire, England, in the year 1696, where he later engaged in the business of sea trade, or commission merchant. In 1724 with his son, John Allen, he became a "land tenant." William Allen had four sons and three daughters, of which John Allen was the oldest, followed by James, Robert, Elizabeth, Margaret, Joseph and Mary Allen. All lived to maturity. They were Friends or Quakers, of which there was a colony in Chestershire.

Several members of the Allen family, formerly of Chestershire, England, still live in England. A great-grandson of John Allen, is now in His Majesty's Service.

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